IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Isberg et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 43315-230171

Application No.: 10/576,183 : Art Unit: 1792

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Title: COATINGS OF M_{n+1}AX_n MATERIAL FOR ELECTRICAL CONTACT ELEMENTS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action issued December 30, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: